



We pray for all the sick and housebound in our parish, and other relatives and friends:

Jackie Harte, Moya Fau-Goodwin, Frances Skemp, Edwin Rankin, Pat McDowell, Richard Crichton, Michael Latham, Kathryn Browning, Frank Vickers, Frederick Parkinson, Eileen Fitzgerald, Peter Reilly, Terry Scott, Tony Martin, Annie O'Brien, Margaret O'Brien, Kevin Knowles, Pat Howarth, Bernard Earp, Jane Manuel, Rita Margiotta, Pauline Dobson, Winifred Goodwin, Josie Doyle, Delia Ariff, Gwen Monk, a sick friend

Lately Dead: Gerard Cambridge, Joan Cranshaw

Anniversaries: Josephine Ann Cropper

Mass Intentions: Josephine Ward - in loving memory, Joan Cranshaw (LD), Josie Doyle (sick)

Offertory: We are always extremely grateful for all you do to help us financially; if you are UK taxpayer, please consider gift aiding your kind donation, the parish will benefit at no extra cost to yourselves.

Donations: We can now accept cashless payments, using our contactless system.

Cheques: Please make all cheques payable to Corpus Christi. Thank you

Retiring collection: There will be a retiring collection for Lepra after all Masses next weekend.

200 Club Subscriptions: Are now due (£15 per number) The 200 Club is a great way to support the parish. Sadly, we have lost members over the last 12 months, so any new members are greatly appreciated and made very welcome. It may be difficult for some parishioners to get their subscriptions to me, so here are some options to help: 1. Post or deliver to the Parish Office; 2. Leave in the basket provided at each church; 3. Contact me on 07528027295. For option 1 & 2 please place your subscription and contact details on an envelope FAO Ann Gracie. Please make Cheques payable to **Corpus Christi**. If anyone requires additional numbers, please contact me on the above number. Thank you, Ann.

Marmalade: Our Seville oranges have now all been gathered and turned into marmalade. It will be ready for sale this Sunday in the Patmos room, after the 9.30am Mass. Price is £1.50 per jar with all proceeds going to CAFOD. Please be generous if you can.

Parish Social Event

Friday 27th February 2026

Dunscore Conservative Club

The Flatcappers

Irish folk 8-piece band

Doors open at 7.00pm. Band on from 8.30pm

£10 per person -includes a pastie supper

Raffle on the night with fantastic prizes

Tickets are available by clicking on the QR code below. (If you have any problems, please contact the office)



There will now be paper tickets available for this event - these can be purchased at £10 each after our weekend masses.

We are also still looking for kind donations towards raffle prizes for the night

SVP News:

We are fast approaching Lent again, and would like, as in past years, to support The Destitution Project by attempting to collect 40 of the following items during the Lenten period. As a parish your generosity continues to enable us to maintain our support for this vulnerable group. Thank you for continuing to support. Items suggested are:

Vegetable or sunflower oil

Tins of chopped tomatoes

Kidney beans

Chickpeas

Long-life orange/apple juice

Tuna in oil

Sardines in oil

Pasta/spaghetti-dried

The pick a date fundraiser which was very successful last year will be continued again this year. Over the next few weeks, we will be present after Mass on Sunday in both churches to give people the opportunity to participate and hopefully win some prize money. All the monies raised are used to support individuals and families in need.



Lent is fast approaching, it is early this year, and our thoughts may be turning to how we are going to mark this Lenten season. When we were children, we were often told to give up something, usually something we liked. Times change and now the current idea is not to give up but to take up during Lent. Today's first reading is very relevant to this idea especially when we look to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Isaiah speaks of a vision that establishes a people who are aware of the world in which they live and how they can serve God through serving others. It is an extension of the thought behind the Beatitudes which we listened to in last week's Gospel. It is a list of practical actions which will benefit those without wealth or power and leads us closer to our loving father. We have the Father's promise "Then you shall call and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, "Here I am". Read this passage carefully for it can lead you to a new approach as to what you can do to help people during Lent and perhaps for the years to come.

Paul speaks to us of his fears as he journeyed among the nations and spoke of the crucified Christ. He did not come as a powerful orator but as one who wanted to share his faith and help people to change. His purpose was to bring us to faith through the Spirit and power "so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the Power of God"

Salt was an important mineral in the ancient world when preserving food was necessary in the demanding climate that the people lived in. Jesus calls his disciples "You are the salt of the earth" but warns them that salt can lose its effectiveness if it is not used.

He also speaks of a lamp which, if put in a basket becomes useless but raised on a lampstand can provide the light that dispels the darkness. In each of these examples he is reminding the people of the words of Isaiah for unless we act as God wants us to and use our gifts to help those in need then we are in danger of becoming worthless salt "no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet"

David Frank

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8th February 2026

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Masses & Activities this week

Sunday Cycle A

Readings: Page 133 of Mass Book

Sunday 8th February

9.30am Mass (SJ) - with Children's liturgy

11am Mass (SB)

Monday 9th February

No Mass

Tuesday 10th February

No Mass

Wednesday 11th February

No Mass

Thursday 12th February

No Mass

Friday 13th February

No Mass

Saturday 14th February

5pm Mass (SB) – With Children's Liturgy

Please note there will be no weekday Masses as Fr Alf is away on leave. We once again welcome Fr Dermot Heakin who will be saying our Masses this weekend.

St Brendan's: There are a few flagstones at the entrance to St Brendan's that have come loose. The area has been cordoned off, and we have made arrangements to have them repaired. Please be careful when approaching the steps.

Readers: 14/15 Feb 2026

5pm Vigil (SB)	9.30am (SJ)	11am (SB)
Catherine Grundy	Laureen	Lisa Lamoury

Eucharistic Ministers 9.30am (SJ) 15th February

John Carroll/Steve May

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